

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have chalked out any policy for modernisation of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following steps are taken for modernization of Telephone Exchanges:-

- (i) Provision of Reliable Media like Optical Fibre Cable etc.
- (ii) Provision of Satellite terminals to inaccessible areas.
- (iii) Conversion of analog type electronic exchanges to new type of digital exchanges.
- (iv) Introduction of DLC, HDSL & WLL equipment in the network.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.